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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The fourth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) was held at the World Conference Center Bonn in Bonn, Germany, from 10 to 14 March 2014.[1]

2. The Co-Chairs of the ADP, Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago) and Mr. Artur Runge-Metzger (European Union), resumed the second session and opened the 7th plenary meeting on 10 March. They welcomed all Parties and observers. They also welcomed Ms. Anna Serzysko (Poland) as Rapporteur of the ADP.

3. The Co-Chairs recalled that, at the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), Parties agreed to accelerate the development of the 2015 agreement as well as activities under the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition.[2] In line with the mandates and timelines agreed on at COP 17[3] and COP 18[4] and elaborated in decision 1/CP.19, the Co-Chairs identified three main objectives for the fourth part of the session, namely:

(a) To advance the elaboration of the content of the 2015 agreement, with a view to arriving at the elements for a coherent draft negotiating text by COP 20;

(b) To initiate discussions that facilitate domestic preparations for Parties' intended nationally determined contributions;

(c) To unlock practical and realizable opportunities for raising pre-2020 ambition.

4. The Co-Chairs also recalled that the ADP had agreed to decide on the need for it to hold a second additional session in the second half of 2014.[5]

5. A statement was made by the Executive Secretary, Ms. Christiana Figueres. Statements were also made by representatives of 15 Parties, including on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and its member States, the Umbrella Group, the Environmental Integrity Group, the African States, the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), the least developed countries (LDCs), the Like-minded Developing Countries, the League of Arab States, the BASIC (Brazil, China, India and South Africa) countries, the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty and the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean (AILAC). In addition, statements were made on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations (NGOs), environmental NGOs, local government and municipal authorities and women and gender NGOs.

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[1] The report on the first and second parts of the second session is contained in document FCCC/ADP/2013/2; the report on the third part of the second session is contained in document FCCC/ADP/2013/3.

[2] Decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 1.

[3] Decision 1/CP.17.

[4] Decision 2/CP.18.

[5] FCCC/ADP/2013/3, paragraph 33.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2(b))

6. The agenda for the second session of the ADP was adopted by the ADP at the 1st meeting of that session, on 29 April 2013.[6]

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2(c))

7. At the 7th meeting, the Co-Chairs drew the delegates' attention to the scenario note prepared for the fourth part of the session,[7] and outlined the arrangements made in the light of the organization of work previously agreed by the ADP and of the mandates of the ADP, including those given by COP 19. The proposed organization of the work on agenda item 3 included open-ended consultations, an in-session workshop, technical expert meetings and two briefings.

8. At the same meeting, the ADP agreed to proceed on the basis of the proposed organization of work.

9. In addition, the Co-Chairs informed Parties of their intention to hold a special event, which took place on 13 March, to provide an opportunity for observers to present their substantive ideas and to engage in an in-depth discussion on the work of the ADP.

III. Implementation of all the elements of decision 1/CP.17

(Agenda item 3)

10. The ADP considered this item at its 7th and 8th plenary meetings, on 10 and 14 March, respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/ADP/2013/3, FCCC/CP/2013/10/Add.1 and FCCC/ADP/2014/L.1/Rev.1, as well as the informal notes prepared for the fourth part of the session.[8]

11. At the 7th plenary meeting, the Co-Chairs drew the attention of delegates to the note containing their reflections on progress made at the third part of the second session of the ADP and on its work in 2014.[9]

12. At the fourth part of its second session, and in line with its mandate to further elaborate elements for a draft negotiating text, beginning at its first session in 2014,[10] the ADP continued its work on agenda item 3 through focused open-ended consultations, encompassing work on the elements identified in paragraph 5 of decision 1/CP.17, including, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity-building and transparency of action and support, as well as other issues related to elements raised by Parties during the meetings. The consultations, held throughout the session, were chaired by the Co-Chairs, who also proposed questions to guide the

[6] FCCC/ADP/2013/2, paragraphs 8 and 9.
[7] Contained in document ADP.2014.2.InformalNote.
[8] The informal notes prepared are listed in annex II.
[9] Contained in document ADP.2014.1.InformalNote.
[10] Decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2(a).

discussions, which were made available in advance of the meetings on the UNFCCC website.[11]

13. An in-session workshop on domestic preparations for intended nationally determined contributions was held on 11 March and facilitated by the Co-Chairs. The workshop was organized in the context of:

(a) The invitation to all Parties to initiate or intensify domestic preparations for their intended nationally determined contributions towards achieving the objective of the Convention and to communicate them well in advance of COP 21;[12]

(b) The request to developed country Parties, the operating entities of the financial mechanism and any other organizations in a position to do so to provide support for the preparation of intended nationally determined contributions.[13]

14. During the workshop, Parties shared experiences related to their approach to preparing for their intended nationally determined contributions and the opportunities and challenges that they are facing.[14]

15. A briefing by relevant organizations and United Nations agencies on support for domestic preparations for intended nationally determined contributions was also organized, in response to paragraph 2(d) of decision 1/CP.19. The briefing was held on 12 March and facilitated by the Director for Implementation Strategy, with the aim of facilitating a direct exchange among interested Parties and organizations, sharing experiences and raising awareness of what the needs are, what networks and initiatives exist, what support is available and how to access it.[15]

16. At its 7th plenary meeting, the ADP launched its work on the technical examination of opportunities for actions with high mitigation potential, including those with adaptation and sustainable development co-benefits, as called for in paragraph 5(a) of decision 1/CP.19. The technical examination that followed focused on opportunities regarding renewable energy and energy efficiency, with a view to addressing other areas at subsequent sessions in 2014. To that end, the following meetings took place during the session:

(a) Technical expert meetings on renewable energy, facilitated by Mr. Youba Sokona (Mali), held from 10 to 12 March;[16]

(b) Technical expert meetings on energy efficiency, facilitated by Mr. Jun Arima (Japan), held on 12 and 13 March;[17]

(c) An open-ended meeting, chaired by the Co-Chairs, during which the facilitators of the technical expert meetings reported on the results of their work.

17. In the context of the invitation to Parties to promote the voluntary cancellation of certified emission reductions (CERs) as a means of closing the pre-2020 ambition gap,[18] a briefing on the voluntary cancellation of CERs took place on 13 March. The briefing, delivered by Mr. Hugh Sealy, Chair of the clean development mechanism (CDM)

[11] <http://unfccc.int/bodies/ 8126.php>.

[12] Decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2(b).

[13] Decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2(d).

[14] Additional information on the workshop is available at <http://unfccc.int/8106.php>.

[15] Additional information on the briefing is available at <http://unfccc.int/8114.php>.

[16] Additional information on the technical expert meetings on renewable energy is available at <http://unfccc.int/8112.php>.

[17] Additional information on the technical expert meetings on energy efficiency is available at <http://unfccc.int/8113.php>.

[18] Decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 5(c).

Executive Board, provided Parties with practical information on how CERs generated by CDM projects can be used to close the pre-2020 ambition gap.[19]

18. On 12 March the ADP held an open-ended meeting to take stock of the progress made on agenda item 3 and to consider its next steps.

19. At its 8th plenary meeting, on a proposal by the Co-Chairs, the ADP agreed to establish a contact group on agenda item 3, to be chaired by the Co-Chairs. The ADP also agreed that the contact group will work in accordance with the mandate of the ADP and its agreed agenda,[20] including the two workstreams:

(a) Workstream 1 on matters related to paragraphs 2 to 6 of decision 1/CP.17;

(b) Workstream 2 on matters related to paragraphs 7 and 8 of decision 1/CP.17.

20. The ADP further agreed that the contact group will operate in accordance with established UNFCCC practice and hold its first meeting immediately after the resumption of the second session of the ADP in June 2014, in order to continue substantive negotiations.

21. In that context, the Co-Chairs confirmed their intention to issue a scenario note in order to share with Parties a proposal for the organization of the work for the next part of the second session of the ADP, as well as a note to provide their reflections on the meeting.

22. The Co-Chairs stated that, as agreed by Parties, in guiding the work of the ADP they will maintain certain core principles, namely:

(a) The process will continue to be Party-driven;

(b) The process will continue to build on inputs from Parties;

(c) Any outputs of the process will reflect inputs from Parties.

23. The Co-Chairs also expressed their understanding that the negotiating text should be collectively constructed on the basis of the views expressed by Parties in their submissions and statements and in the negotiations so as to reflect a truly Party-driven process.

24. The Co-Chairs recalled the invitation to Parties and admitted observer organizations to provide information, views and proposals on the work of the ADP before each session[21] and confirmed that Parties and admitted observer organizations could continue to make use of this channel to communicate their views.

25. Furthermore, the Co-Chairs emphasized the need for the efficient use of negotiating time and encouraged Parties to maximize the time allocated for negotiations by starting meetings on time.

26. Statements were made by representatives of 12 Parties, including on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the Umbrella Group, the European Union and its member States, the Environmental Integrity Group, the African States, AOSIS, the LDCs, the Like-minded Developing Countries, the BASIC countries, the Central American Integration System, the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty and AILAC.

27. Also at its 8th plenary meeting, the ADP agreed that an additional session in the second half of 2014 is required for the ADP to fulfil its mandates.

28. The Co-Chairs invited the secretariat to provide delegates with information on the financial implications of, and on the status of funding for, holding an additional session of

[19] Additional information on the briefing is available at <http://unfccc.int/8115.php>.

[20] As footnote 6 above.

[21] FCCC/ADP/2012/3, paragraph 22.

the ADP in the second half of the year and on securing a venue for that session, as previously requested by the ADP.[22] The Deputy Executive Secretary informed Parties that, in addition to the limited funds and pledges received, a total of approximately EUR 1.5 million was still required for an additional session of the ADP to be held in the second half of 2014 if convened in Bonn. He stressed the particular need for contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation. He also informed the ADP that the secretariat has secured a venue for the additional session, to be held in October, in a window around the third week of October, falling between the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the 40th session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In addition, the Deputy Executive Secretary recalled the invitation made by the Executive Secretary to Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities to cover the costs associated with providing substantive support to the ADP in the light of the decision by Parties not to include these costs in the core budget.

29. The Co-Chairs invited the secretariat to provide information on the high-level ministerial events to be held in conjunction with the sessions of the subsidiary bodies in June 2014. The Director for Implementation Strategy updated the ADP on the latest arrangements for the high-level ministerial round table on increased ambition of Kyoto Protocol commitments and the high-level ministerial dialogue on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, mandated by paragraph 10 of decision 1/CMP.8 and paragraph 7 of decision 1/CP.19.

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

30. The ADP considered this agenda item at its 7th meeting. No other matters were raised.

V. Report on the fourth part of the second session

(Agenda item 5)

31. At its 8th meeting, the ADP considered and adopted the draft report on the fourth part of its second session.[23] At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Co-Chairs, the ADP authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the fourth part of the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Co-Chairs.

VI. Suspension of the session

32. At its 8th meeting, the ADP, on a proposal by the Co-Chairs, agreed to suspend its second session and resume it in June 2014 in Bonn.

33. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs of the ADP expressed their appreciation to Parties for their work and support and declared the second session of the ADP suspended.

[22] FCCC/ADP/2013/3, paragraph 33.

[23] Adopted as document FCCC/ADP/2014/L.1/Rev.1.

Annex I

Documents before the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the fourth part of its second session

Documents prepared for the fourth part of the session

FCCC/ADP/2014/L.1/Rev.1	Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the fourth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 10 to 14 March 2014

Other documents before the session

FCCC/CP/2013/10 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its nineteenth session, held in Warsaw from 11 to 23 November 2013
FCCC/CP/2012/8 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012
FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011
FCCC/ADP/2013/3	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the third part of its second session, held in Warsaw from 12 to 23 November 2013
FCCC/ADP/2013/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first and second parts of its second session, held in Bonn from 29 April to 3 May 2013 and from 4 to 13 June 2013
FCCC/ADP/2012/3	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the second part of its first session, held in Doha from 27 November to 7 December 2012
FCCC/ADP/2012/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first part of its first session held in Bonn from 17 to 25 May 2012

Annex II

Informal notes prepared for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the fourth part of its second session

ADP.2014.2.InformalNote	Scenario note on the fourth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Note by the Co-Chairs
ADP.2014.1.InformalNote	Reflections on progress made at the third part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action and on its work in 2014. Note by the Co-Chairs
ADP.2013.17.InformalSummary	Summary report on the workshop on lessons learned from relevant experience of other multilateral environmental agreements. ADP 2, part 3. Warsaw, Poland, 13 November 2013. Note by the Co-Chairs
ADP.2013.18.InformalSummary	Summary report on the workshop on pre-2020 ambition: urbanization and the role of governments in facilitating climate action in cities. ADP 2, part 3. Warsaw, Poland, 14 November 2013. Note by the facilitator
ADP.2013.19.InformalSummary	Summary of the ADP Co-Chairs' special event. ADP 2, part 3. Warsaw, Poland, 19 November 2013. Note by the Co-Chairs